Drive-in for
COFFEE
8 AM - 11 AM & 5 PM - 10 PM
HOTEL
SIDDHARTA
NAZARABAD, MYSURU PH: 2522999

STAR OF MYSORE

OUR EVENING DAILY

Vol. 49 No. 118 Pages: 12 Rs. 3.00
Ph: 2496520 / 21 / 22 / 23
E-mail: voice@starofmysore.com
ad@starofmysore.com

MYSURU Monday 15th June 2026
City Offices: K.R. Circle Ph: 2431774
Devaraja Urs Road Ph: 2428695
Visit: www.starofmysore.com

Radisson BLU
PLAZA HOTEL MYSORE
GLOBAL. LOCAL. MAGICAL.
SPRING
ALL-DAY DINING
Stay. Dine. Celebrate.

Torchlight Parade Grounds to get major makeover

Enhanced seating capacity from 33,500 to 50,000; Permanent roofing, drainage, parking & redesigned entry-exit points

Mysuru, June 15 (AG&BCT)- Mysuru's famed Torchlight Parade Grounds at Bannimantap is set for a major facelift, with plans to upgrade seating facilities, provide permanent roofing, improve drainage and parking and redesign entry and exit points to enhance safety and crowd management.

The Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), which manages the sprawling grounds, has initiated the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and invited Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from eligible agencies to prepare it.

The proposed DPR will cover the enhancement of seating capacity, the construction of a permanent roofing structure, the raising of the ground level with a proper drainage system, the development of parking facilities and the improvement of access arrangements.

A view of the Torchlight Parade Grounds in Bannimantap.

The Parade Grounds occupy a prominent place in Mysuru's heritage and cultural landscape, hosting the Torchlight Parade during world-famous Dasara as well as Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations. In 2018, seating capacity at the venue was increased from 22,000 to 33,500 at a cost of Rs. 6.5 crore.

According to MDA officials, the existing roofing is inadequate and the seating layout requires rationalisation to maximise available space. At present, portions of the stone seating platforms remain underutilised due to inefficient spacing. The proposed redesign aims to optimise seating arrangements and accommodate more spectators, at least 50,000, comfortably.

Maximising safety

The DPR will place special emphasis on crowd safety, with plans to redesign entry and exit points for better movement, emergency response, preventing overcrowding and ensuring smoother movement of visitors during major events.

The move comes in the aftermath of June 4, 2025, stampede outside Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, where 11 people were killed and over 50 were injured during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL victory celebrations.

(See GROUNDS on page 6)

Villa Plots
@ 21 Lakh
Bogadi Road
Attached to SH
YESH 9742727000

Wadiyar visionaries featured in first-ever India Post postcard set

The set of five postcards collection dedicated to the Wadiyar dynasty of Mysuru.

Mysuru, June 15 (BCT)- India Post, in association with the Karnataka Philatelic Society, has released a special postcard set celebrating members of the erstwhile Mysore royal family whose contributions helped shape modern Mysuru.

The collection comprises five postcards featuring portraits of prominent Wadiyar rulers and royals, created by artist Prithvi Prabhu, along with a specially designed presentation pack.

The cover depicts Goddess Chamundeshwari against the backdrop of Mysore Palace, capturing the cultural essence of the region. Prabhu completed the series during COVID-19.

This is the first time the Department of Posts has issued a postcard collection dedicated to Wadiyar dynasty. The set honours five transformative personalities whose contributions left a lasting impact on the State's cultural, educational and administrative landscape.

Krishnaraja Wadiyar III is remembered for reviving Mysore's arts, music and literature in the 19th century, laying foundation for a cultural renaissance

(See POSTCARD on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 15th June 2026

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE CONCEPT OF 'GOD CONSCIOUSNESS': ***God consciousness is a fundamental principle found in virtually every religion and spiritual tradition. Although different faiths may use different terms to describe it, the underlying concept remains the same: an awareness that God is ever-present, all-knowing and constantly observing human actions and intentions. This consciousness encourages individuals to act with honesty, integrity, compassion and responsibility, even when no one else is watching. It serves as a moral compass that guides people toward righteous conduct and reminds them of their accountability before God.***

There is a famous story of the Indian saint Bhakta Kanakadasa. Once, his Guru gave a banana to each disciple and instructed them to eat it in a place where no one could see them. All the disciples, except Kanakadasa, found a secluded place, ate the banana and returned. Kanakadasa came back with the banana still in his hand. When his Guru asked why he had not eaten it, he replied, "I could not find a single place where God would not see me." His answer reflected a deep awareness of the divine presence everywhere.

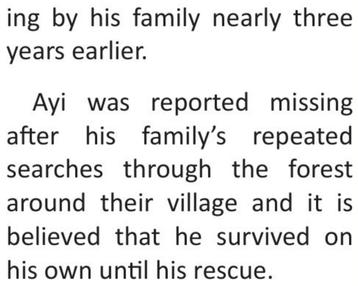
Another inspiring example comes from the life of Hazrat Umar, the third Caliph. He devoted his days to the welfare of the people and often spent his nights moving among them in disguise to understand their condition. One night, he overheard a conversation between a mother and her daughter, who sold milk. The mother asked her daughter to mix water into the milk. The daughter refused, reminding her mother that the Caliph had prohibited such adulteration. The mother replied, "The Caliph is not watching us." The daughter answered, "Even if the Caliph is not watching us, Allah is watching us all the time. I cannot commit such a dishonest act."

These stories beautifully illustrate the meaning of God consciousness. It inspires individuals to do what is right not because they fear human punishment, but because they recognise that God is aware of every action, thought and intention. Such awareness develops honesty, self-discipline, justice and trustworthiness.

Religious scriptures repeatedly emphasise God consciousness and the reality of the hereafter. Human beings often become absorbed in worldly affairs and forget their ultimate accountability. The remembrance of God helps people remain mindful of their duties and responsibilities. A society guided by God consciousness is more likely to be ethical, compassionate and just. *— Nazeer Ahmed Kazi in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man survives three years in forest



Jakarta: Indonesian media reported the dramatic rescue of an emaciated 49-year-old man found in the forests of Mount Salak, in the country's Sukabumi regency. He was found by a group of locals who were inspecting the flow of a nearby river after heavy rains, sitting on a mossy rock, looking disoriented.

According to the rescuers, the man had trouble speaking and was in poor physical shape. He was all skin and bones, could hardly walk on his own, and was visibly startled by the sight of other people. The rescued man was identified as 49-year-old Ayi Solehudin, a resident of Cianjur Regency who had been reported missing by his family nearly three years earlier.

Ayi was reported missing after his family's repeated searches through the forest around their village and it is believed that he survived on his own until his rescue.

Marilyn Monroe impersonators

Palm Springs: A city in California celebrated Marilyn Monroe's 100th birthday by gathering 1,037 people dressed as the Hollywood star to break a Guinness World Record.

The Monroe impersonators donned the star's iconic dress from the 1955 film The Seven Year Itch in Downtown Palm Springs on May 30 to break the record for the largest gathering of people dressed as Marilyn Monroe.

The Marilyn 100 event served as a fundraiser for Palm Springs Pride and helped to keep the city's Pride Festival free for all attendees.

"Marilyn Monroe was far more than Hollywood glamour; she was a courageous ally who stood for authenticity and marginalized communities when it mattered most," Ron deHarte, President of Palm Springs Pride, told Guinness World Records.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Prevention is the Ultimate Power Move

Routine screenings and health checks can identify concerns early—often before symptoms appear.

By Dr. Amulya K G - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Manipal Hospitals Mysore

manipalhospitals
LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Income-Tax Return due date

Mysuru, June 15- Any person who receives any income by way of Salary, Pension, Interest, Business, Profession fee, etc., shall file their Income-Tax Return for the FY 2025-26 (AY 2026-27) before July 31, 2026, which is the due date.

The taxpayers who earn salary and capital gains income shall file their Income-Tax Return in FORM ITR-1 SAHAJ or ITR-2 as applicable on or before July 31.

The taxpayers who earn Business income and not liable for compulsory Audit, shall file their Income-Tax Return in FORM ITR-3 or ITR-4 SUGAM as applicable, on or before Aug.31.

Those who earn Business income and liable for compulsory Audit, shall file their Income-Tax Return in FORM ITR 3 or ITR-4 as applicable before Oct.31.

Taxpayers can also file Belated (late) Return on or before Dec.31, 2026 and Revised Return on or before Mar.31, 2027 on payment of prescribed fee of Rs.5,000. If the total income of the tax payer does not exceed five lakh rupees, the levy of fee payable shall be Rs.1,000 only.

Before filing the Income-Tax Return, it is suggested to verify and report the transactions appearing in Annual Tax Statement (FORM 26AS), Annual Information Statement (AIS) and Taxpayer Information Summary (TIS) wherever applicable.

Wherever there is any doubt, reference may be made to the provisions of the Income-Tax Act,1961, the Income-Tax Rules, 1962, relevant Finance Act and/or circulars and/or notifications, according to a press release from N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates, Mysuru.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **81.34 feet**	Today's level **2,252.80 feet**	Today's level **2,824.93 feet**
Last year's level **109.12 feet**	Last year's level **2,276.36 feet**	Last year's level **2,851.73 feet**
Yesterday's level **81.34 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,252.82 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,824.68 feet**
Today's Inflow **528 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **599 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **361 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **436 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **600 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The first true radio transmission of voice was made by Guglielmo Marconi in 1895.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Banta: *Santa, why are you learning driving without an instructor?*

Santa: *Oye, it's a correspondence course!?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 94.51**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 127.17**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 25.73**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 109.82**

VOICE OF THE READER

Hazardous roads at Hebbal, Vijayanagar

Sir,

This is to bring to your attention the hazardous condition of the roads in Hebbal and Vijayanagar following recent underground electric cable installation works.

The roads have been left in disrepair, with many sections still open or improperly filled. This has created a significant safety risk for motorists, particularly two-wheeler riders, due to uneven surfaces and loose debris.

Additionally, in several locations near culverts and bridges, cables have been routed above ground through GI pipes rather than being placed underground, creating further obstructions.

The restoration efforts to date have been inadequate. The bitumen application is uneven, resulting in ridges and depressions that make navigation difficult for all commuters, especially senior citizens.

I request that the Mysuru City Corporation take immediate corrective action to properly level and asphalt these stretches to ensure they are returned to a safe and motorable condition.

— Jayathirtha Rao

Mysuru 9.6.2026

St. Joseph's Central School emerges Overall Champions at ATC Camp

Mysuru, June 15- The NCC Cadets of St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, emerged as the Overall Champions and won the 'Championship Trophy' at the Annual Training Camp (ATC) 2026 held at JNV Mysore under the 4 Kar Air Sqn NCC Mysuru recently.

The camp, conducted under the leadership of Camp Commandant Wing Commander Deepak Mohapathra, witnessed the participation of 495 Cadets in various training sessions, motivational lectures, yoga, firing practice, flying simulator training, cultural events and sports.

The Cadets of St. Joseph's Central School displayed remarkable discipline, teamwork and talent by securing prizes in several events. Cadet Vedashri won the Best Cadet JW (Junior Wing) award, while Cadet Dishen Daniel secured the Best Cadet JD (Junior Division) title.

Cadet B.P. Preetham emerged winner in the Essay Writing competition. The St. Joseph's Central School Cadets also excelled in Throwball, Tug-of-War, Group Song and Drill competitions.

Kempegowda Jayanti celebration on June 27

Mysuru, June 15 (PM&DM)- Vokkaliga Associations in the District have decided to celebrate Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti in a grand manner along with the District Administration at Kalamandira here on June 27.

This was decided at a meeting held under the leadership of State Vokkaligara Sangha and Mysuru District Vokkaligara Sangha at Jaladarshini Guest House in city recently.

Vokkaliga Associations had earlier decided to celebrate the Jayanti on a different date by inviting Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. But as Shivakumar was preoccupied with other engagements across the State, the meeting decided to celebrate the Jayanti in association with the District Administration.

Addressing the meeting, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda said that CM Shivakumar would be felicitated at an exclusive event later. Kempegowda Jayanti should be celebrated in an apolitical and highly successful manner with the participation of all sections of society, he said adding that he would make efforts for getting Government help in this regard.

City BJP President L. Nagendra and Kempegowda Jayantyotsava Samiti President P. Prashanth Gowda too spoke.

As many as 8 Committees were formed: Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti Mahotsava Committee headed by Prashanth Gowda, a former Corporator;

Publicity Committee headed by R. Rakesh Gowda; City Committee headed by Chetan Vishakantegowda; Rural Committee headed by Hinkal Rajkumar; Procession Committee headed by retired Police Officer Marigowda; Pratibha Puraskar Committee headed by former Corporator Prema Shankaregowda; Felicitation of Achievers Committee headed by B.P. Boregowda and Food Committee headed by K.G. Koppal Rajanna.

State Vokkaligara Sangha Treasurer and former MCC Corporator K.V. Sridhar, Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Vokkaligara Sangha President M. Mariswamy, Hon. President Alathur Jayaram, Vice-President Ravikumar (Rajakiya), General Secretary M.E. Chetan, community leaders Bannur Mahesh, Vontikoppal Gururaj, Ravi, B.P. Boregowda, Girish Gowda, G. Kumar Gowda, M. Susheela Nanjappa, Umesh, Beedanahalli Satish Gowda, Negilayogi Ravikumar, Mohan Kumar Gowda, Lakshmidevi, Rakesh Gowda, Krishnegowda, K.G. Koppal Rajanna, J.P. Nagar Krishna, retired Police Officer Marigowda and others were present.

DPS Mysore Cadets conduct water body cleaning drive

Mysuru, June 15- As part of the Nationwide *Puneet Sagar Abhiyan,* 40 NCC Cadets of Delhi Public School (DPS) Mysore conducted a water body cleaning drive in Varuna and collected approximately 400-kg plastic waste from the water body and its surrounding areas.

The cleanliness campaign was carried out under the guidance and supervision of Second Officer M. Mamatha Prasad, who motivated the Cadets to actively contribute towards environmental conservation and community welfare.

Displaying remarkable enthusiasm, discipline and teamwork, the Cadets worked diligently to remove plastic waste and raise awareness about the importance of keeping water bodies clean. The initiative aimed to promote environmental responsibility and encourage sustainable practices among the younger generation.

The drive served as a step towards protecting natural resources and fostering a sense of civic responsibility among the Cadets. It also reflected NCC's commitment to nation-building.

Lecture on 'Status of Ancient and Present Universities in India'

Mysuru, June 15- Dr. N.N. Prahallada, former Professor of Education, Regional Institute of Education (RIE - NCERT), Mysuru, delivered a lecture on *'Status of Ancient Universities and Present Universities in India'* to a group of 150 students attending UGC-NET classes at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) campus in city recently.

The status of Ancient Universities in India since Vedic period, Bramhnic period, Buddhist period, Islamic period, British period and post-British period was explained with the type of education provided by Ancient University Professors and senior mentors with examples.

Explaining about the importance of Oriental Learning (OL), Conventional Learning (CaL) and Non-un Conventional Learning (NUCL), he also briefed on the existing status of Universities in India like the Central Universities, State, Private and Autonomous Universities, Deemed to be University and Universities in Karnataka.

Programme Coordinator Jainahali Satyanarayana Gowda was present on the occasion.

Saraswathipuram residents accord civic honour on MP

Mysuru, June 15 (PM&DM)- "Being felicitated and receiving awards is not achievement. Instead, the work we do for the cause of people is the real achievement," said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar.

He was speaking after being accorded civic honour by 'Former Mayor R. Lingappa haagu Snehitara Balaga' at Sri Rama Mandira in Tengina Topu (Coconut Grove) located on Saraswathipuram 2nd Main Road here yesterday.

Stating that he has got an opportunity to meet the promises made during LS polls, Yaduveer said, he believes good fortune for him is to do good work by remembering the history of his erstwhile Royal Family members. "Bhagavad Gita explains the importance of *Kayaka* and several Acharyas have also propagated this. I believe that doing work as per the words of great saints and scholars is more important. Our ancestors have been doing good work for generations and the atmosphere of Mysuru and the citizens are responsible for this. It is the people who shape our personality. Humility is not new for us and it has been maintained by the erstwhile Mysore rulers for long. Humility is in our blood and I will continue this," the MP said.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar being accorded a civic honour by Saraswathipuram residents at a programme at Sri Rama Mandira in Tengina Topu (Coconut Grove) in Saraswathipuram yesterday. Former Mayor R. Lingappa, City BJP President L. Nagendra, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and others are seen.

Stating that Saraswathipuram got its name because it was famous for education (Goddess Saraswathi), Yaduveer said, he felt deeply honoured for having been felicitated in such a place. "I was elected as an MP because of your votes, for which I am grateful," he added.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, who delivered the felicitation address, said that Yaduveer has been functioning just like Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

"The MP mingles with the people as a commoner. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was impressed with the activities of young Yaduveer when he (Modi) took part in the International Day of Yoga celebrations in the Mysore Palace premises in 2021, hand-picked Yaduveer as the BJP candidate for the 2024 LS polls from Mysuru-Kodagu seat, with a foresight. The MP answers his opponents silently by doing work," Srivatsa said adding that Yaduveer Wadiyar is accessible to the public.

City BJP President L. Nagendra, Saraswathipuram Shankar Jayanti Sabha President Sundaresh, Saraswathipuram Sri Vasavi Sneha Vrunda President Shantaram, programme organiser and former Mayor R. Lingappa and others were present on the occasion.

MGP urges Police, MCC to clear footpath encroachments

Mysuru, June 15 (SPN&VNS)- The Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has expressed disappointment over the inaction of the Police Department and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in tackling traffic violations and clearing footpath encroachments across the city.

The issues came up for discussion at the monthly MGP meeting held at its premises in Yadavagiri yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP-Traffic) M. Shivashankar said that unpaid traffic fines in the city had accumulated to Rs. 412 crore. In response, MGP Founder Bhamy V. Shenoy said that the organisation had, for over a decade, been urging the Police Department to outsource fine collection to a private agency for more efficient recovery.

Shivashankar said that the Department had already written to higher authorities seeking approval from the State Government for such a proposal.

Welcoming the move, Bhamy Shenoy said that MGP would support the initiative and exert pressure on the Government if required. He also suggested involving the public in reporting traffic violations through the 'Public Eye' app, a model that has reportedly yielded positive results in Goa.

ACP (Traffic) M. Shivashankar speaking at MGP meeting in Yadavagiri yesterday as others look on.

MGP President Roy Joseph assured the Police Department of the organisation's cooperation in implementing the initiative.

Shivashankar noted that despite the State Government offering a 50 percent rebate on traffic fines, many violators were yet to clear their pending dues.

Change in public attitude

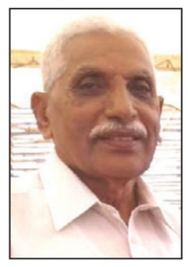
Emphasising the need for a change in public attitude towards road safety, he said people in countries such as Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Thailand and Singapore generally adhere to traffic rules out of fear of penalties, whereas compliance remains a challenge in India.

Later, Bhamy Shenoy urged Police Department and MCC to launch a joint drive to remove footpath encroachments on Sayyaji Rao Road, K.R. Circle, Kalidasa Road, Abhishek Circle in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Digantha Circle in Sharadadevinagar, Vivekananda Circle, Ramakrishnanagar Circle, Kanakadasanagar Circle, Mahadevapura Road, Agrahara Circle, Gandhi Square and other prominent locations to ensure safe movement of pedestrians.

V.V. Puram Traffic Police Station Inspector Mamatha, SI Mohan, MCC Zone-4 Development Officer Satyamurthy, Junior Engineer Kavitha, MGP Working President S.K. Dinesh and other members attended the meeting.

Obituary

Balliamada Poovaiah



Mysuru, June 15- Balliamada Poovaiah (Chippa), a resident of MIG-30, HUDCO in Bannimantap 2nd Stage, passed away this morning in city. He was 90.

A native of Hudikeri village in Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district, he leaves behind his wife Gangamma (Maletira, Kedamullur), a retired teacher of Ideal Jawa Rotary School and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening.

G.G. Nanjamma

G.G. Nanjamma (87), wife of late G.B. Govindaraja Setty of Ramya Drive In Restaurant (now closed) and a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind sons G.G. Mahendra and G.G. Suresh, daughters H.V. Usha, Leela Mahesh and G.G. Asha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Riaz Ahmed

Riaz Ahmed (76), son of late Abdul Nabi and a resident of Lashkar Mohalla, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be performed tomorrow (June 16) at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road after Zohar prayers (1.30 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

D.J. Nandish

D.J. Nandish (55), an Advocate and a resident of Vinaya Marga 11th Cross at Siddarthanagar, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.

He leaves behind his wife Kavitha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Disruption in power supply

Mysuru, June 15- As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its first quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Bannur Power Distribution Centre, there will disruption in power supply tomorrow (June 16) between 10 am & 5 pm in the following areas: Bannur Town, Kodagahalli, Bisihalli, Heggur, Athalli, Kethupura, Rangasamudra villages and Gram Panchayat limits, according to the Executive Engineer, CESC, Nanjangud Division.

Site issues resolved for Tonga Experience Zone

Five Tonga stands, prepaid ticket counters and stables to be set up under Rs. 2.71 crore project

Mysuru, June 15 (MTY&BCT)- The roadblocks facing Mysuru's ambitious 'Tonga Experience Zone' project have finally been resolved, clearing the way for its completion within the next two months.

The project, being implemented by the Karnataka Tourism Department under the Union Government's Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme, aims to revive the city's traditional horse-drawn carriage rides by introducing uniform fares, modern tonga stands and dedicated ticket counters.

With an outlay of Rs. 2.71 crore, the project will develop facilities at five locations across Mysuru. These include well-equipped tonga stands and ticket counters, while horse stables will be constructed at two of the sites.

Work is already underway and once completed, the project is expected to offer tourists a more organised and convenient way to experience Mysuru's heritage tonga rides.

Earlier objections

The project had initially hit a hurdle after objections were raised to three of the proposed sites, delaying its implementation. The Tourism Department subsequently identified alternative locations and secured the required approvals.

A tonga stand proposed along the pedestrian pathway near the Town Hall compound at Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle was dropped following objections to permanent construction in the heritage zone. The facility has now been shifted to nearby Dr. Rajkumar Park.

Likewise, a stand planned opposite to Varaha Gate at Gun House was relocated after members of the erstwhile royal family expressed interest in using the area for events. The new location has been finalised beside the Indira Canteen within the CADA office premises.

At Kukkarahalli Lake, plans to upgrade the existing stand and stable were shelved due to the proposed railway underpass project. As an alternative, the Tourism Department selected a site near Dhobi Ghat on Bogadi Road and the Mysuru Development Authority is expected to hand over the land shortly.

An under-construction tonga stand or the 'Tonga Experience Zone' with a horse stable near the Suburban Bus Stand. Work at this place has begun while the construction of other tonga stands is yet to begin.

The front view of the 'Tonga Experience Zone' near Suburban Bus Stand.

Modernised set up

Meanwhile, the stand and stable opposite the Suburban Bus Stand near People's Park have already been modernised, giving the facility a fresh look. The removal of advertising boards has improved its visibility and enhanced the overall appearance of the area.

In a distinctive design element, ticket counters and seating facilities are being built using Indian Laurel (Crocodile Bark) trees, while the counters have been designed to be movable.

Officials believe the project will not only preserve Mysuru's tonga heritage but also make the rides more organised, accessible and attractive to visitors, adding a new dimension to the city's tourism experience.

Locations of Tonga Experience Zone

- Dr. Rajkumar Park near Balarama Gate of Mysore Palace.
- Beside Indira Canteen near the CADA (Cauvery) Office at Gun House.
- In front of Mysuru Zoo.
- Opposite the Suburban Bus Stand, adjoining People's Park (with horse stable).
- Near Dhobi Ghat on Bogadi Road, close to Kukkarahalli Lake (with horse stable).

Uniform fare to end overcharging complaints

Tourists will soon be able to enjoy Mysuru's traditional tonga rides at fixed rates, with the Tourism Department introducing a prepaid ticketing system under the Tonga Experience Zone project.

Prabhuswamy

"There had been complaints that tourists visiting Mysuru were being charged excessively for tonga rides. Under the Tonga Experience Zone project, a uniform ticket fare will now be introduced. A prepaid counter system will be set up, allowing visitors to purchase tickets directly and then enjoy the carriage ride," said V. M. Prabhuswamy, Assistant Director, Tourism Department.

He said the tonga stands and horse stables developed under the project would be cleaned and maintained regularly. The agency awarded the contract will be responsible for upkeep and sanitation of the facilities for the next three years. "The contracted agency will manage and ensure cleanliness for the next three years," he added.

Congress is to blame for India's inflation: Dr. Ashwathnarayan

MLA and former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan addressing a press meet in Mysuru this morning as (from right) City BJP President L. Nagendra, District President Kumbralli Subbanna, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, District BJP Spokesperson M.A. Mohan, BJP Divisional In-Charge for Mysuru Division Swamy Maralapura, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha and others look on.

Mysuru, June 15 (MK&DM)- BJP MLA and former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan blamed the Congress for rising prices of essential commodities and food items, and claimed that fuel supply disruptions linked to the ongoing West Asia conflict would not have arisen had the country not been partitioned.

Addressing a press conference at a private hotel here this morning, he said the Congress Government in Karnataka was responsible for the increase in prices of essential goods in State.

Highlighting the achievements of the BJP-led NDA Government at the Centre, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had taken several measures to control inflation during the global crisis.

"PM Modi has completed 12 years in office because of the trust reposed in NDA by the people. Welfare schemes and benefits are reaching beneficiaries directly at their doorstep," he said.

The former Deputy CM said the Union Government had accelerated development works, including railway electrification, airport modernisation and welfare measures for farmers under the Kisan Samman Scheme.

He said loans worth Rs. 40 lakh crore had been extended to beneficiaries under MUDRA Scheme and that the Centre had given priority to education sector.

Commenting on the Congress Government in Karnataka, Dr. Ashwathnarayan said Ministers had started expressing dissatisfaction over portfolio allocation within hours of the Cabinet formation. "It remains to be seen how the Government functions in the coming days," he said.

KR Constituency MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP President L. Nagendra, District President Kumbralli Subbanna, former MP Prathap Simha, former Mayors Sandesh Swamy and Shivakumar, former Deputy Mayor Shylendra, BJP Minority Morcha President Dr. Anil Thomas and others were present.

Mysore Warriors induct Gowtham Sagar and Lankesh

Gowtham Sagar

Lankesh

Mysuru, June 15 - Mysore Warriors, owned by city's NR Group, officially announced the inclusion of two catchment area players for the upcoming Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 2026. Gowtham Sagar and K.S. Lankesh will join the Mysore Warriors squad for the upcoming tournament starting from June 20 in Mysuru.

Gowtham Sagar, a right-arm medium pacer, brings youthful energy and cricketing finesse to the Mysore Warriors. His sharp technique and competitive edge are poised to strengthen the team's lineup as they gear up for the Maharaja Trophy. Gautham Sagar represents city's Jo Jo Cricket Club.

Meanwhile, K.S. Lankesh, a talented left-arm spinner, joins the Mysore Warriors with a strong reputation for discipline, accuracy and match-winning performances. Known for his ability to generate movement and maintain consistent lines, Lankesh has impressed across age-group and club cricket circuits. His determination and potential make him an exciting addition to the Warriors squad as they prepare for the Maharaja Trophy 2026. Lankesh also represents Jo Jo Cricket Club.

Mysore Warriors Owner and Cycle Pure Agarbathi Managing Director Arjun Ranga, said, "We are absolutely delighted to welcome Gautham Sagar and Lankesh to the Mysore Warriors squad. Their inclusion reflects our unwavering commitment to nurturing grassroots talent and providing local players with a platform to shine. We believe they will inject fresh energy and depth into our lineup as we prepare for the tournament."

Torchlight Parade Grounds

(Continued from page 1)

The tragedy occurred when an estimated 3 lakh RCB fans gathered for victory celebrations, far exceeding the stadium's capacity of 35,000.

Fresh tenders to be issued

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* MDA Officer Meghana, who is in charge of the project, said the initial tender process, floated on May 18 with a submission deadline of May 25, attracted only one bidder. Since the bid did not meet the prescribed conditions and format, the proposal could not be approved.

As a result, the MDA has decided to issue a fresh tender. The re-tendering process is expected to begin this month and the DPR preparation will take between three and six months, following which the DPR will be finalised and submitted to the MDA Board and the State Government for approval and budget allocation.

Once funding is sanctioned, work on the comprehensive upgrade project will commence. Officials believe the upgraded venue will significantly improve the experience of visitors attending public events and ceremonial functions.

The redevelopment gains added significance as a new KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand is coming up nearby on land attached to the KSRTC Depot. Together, the modernised Parade Grounds and the upcoming bus stand are expected to transform Bannimantap into a major activity hub.

Dr. Ambedkar poster desecrated; Yalandur youth in Police custody

Chamarajanagar, June 15 (KS) - A 22-year-old youth was taken into Police custody after he allegedly smeared cow dung on a poster of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and damaged lights installed around it at Masanapura village in Yalandur taluk on Sunday.

The accused Chandru, a resident of the village, was allegedly caught by villagers, who tied him to an electric pole, garlanded him with slippers and assaulted him before Police intervened.

According to villagers, the incident occurred around 4 am yesterday when Chandru allegedly defaced the Ambedkar poster installed on the road connecting Masanapura and Chatipura villages and damaged the lights fixed near it.

On learning of the incident, villagers reportedly caught Chandru and subjected him to public humiliation and assault.

Superintendent of Police M. Muthuraju and officers of the Yalandur Police Station rushed to the spot, gathered information from residents and took the accused into custody.

The incident triggered tension in the village, with residents blocking the Yalandur-Chamarajanagar Road and staging a protest. People from neighbouring villages also arrived in large numbers, prompting Police to step up security and crowd-control measures.

The protesting villagers demanded stringent action against the accused and sought his banishment from the village. Several elected representatives visited Masanapura, condemned the alleged desecration of the Ambedkar poster and urged the authorities to take appropriate legal action.

Postcard set on Wadiyars launched

(Continued from page 1)

Chamaraja Wadiyar X, a progressive ruler, supported Swami Vivekananda's historic journey to Chicago and established several key institutions.

Maharani Kempananjammani, who served as regent, championed women's education and public health initiatives while overseeing the construction of the Vani Vilasa Sagara Dam (popularly known as Mari Kanive Dam), a reservoir constructed across the Vedavathi river in Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District.

Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, revered as the Rajarshi, spearheaded Mysore's transformation through industrialisation, social reforms and support for institutions such as the Indian Institute of Science.

The collection also features Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the last ruling Maharaja of Mysore, who earned distinction as a scholar, philosopher and musicologist before guiding the State's integration into independent India.

According to philatelists, the initiative blends history, art and stamp collecting, helping preserve and popularise the legacy of the Wadiyars among a new generation of collectors and history enthusiasts.

The collection was launched on June 4 at Beaulieu on Palace Road, Bengaluru, the former residence of Princess Jayalakshammanni, sister of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. The heritage building now houses the Office of the Chief Postmaster General.

Priced at Rs. 100 each, the postcards witnessed an overwhelming response, with the initial stock selling out soon after launch. Reprints are currently underway to meet the growing demand.

Poor monsoon cuts dam inflows in Cauvery Basin

KRS Dam level drops to 81.34 ft from 109.12 ft in 2025; Kabini stands at 2,252.80 ft against 2,276.36 ft

Mysuru, June 15 (BLU&BCT)- A significant rainfall deficit in Mysuru district, Kodagu and Kerala's Wayanad region has triggered concern over falling water levels in the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) and Kabini reservoirs, raising fears of water scarcity in the months ahead.

Unlike the heavy showers typically witnessed in June, monsoon rains have remained sparse this season, affecting inflows into the two major reservoirs that serve as lifelines for irrigation and drinking water in southern Karnataka.

At KRS, the water level this morning stood at 81.34 ft against 109.12 ft recorded on the corresponding day last year. The reservoir's maximum level is 124.80 ft.

The reservoir is currently receiving an inflow of just 528 cusecs, while 436 cusecs are being released daily to meet drinking water requirements in Mysuru, Mandya, Bengaluru and surrounding villages. During the same period last year, KRS was receiving 3,377 cusecs of inflow and releasing 906 cusecs.

A similar trend has been observed at the Kabini reservoir. The water level there today stands at 2,252.80 ft, compared to 2,276.36 ft a year ago. Inflow has dropped to 599 cusecs, while 600 cusecs are being released.

In contrast, Kabini was receiving 3,029 cusecs and releasing nearly 3,667 cusecs during the corresponding period last year.

The declining storage levels have caused anxiety among farmers and residents who depend on the reservoirs for irrigation and drinking water. Farmers, who would normally be engaged in sowing operations by mid-June, are awaiting adequate rainfall before beginning agricultural activities.

The delayed and inadequate monsoon has also heightened concerns over crop losses if rainfall does not improve in the coming weeks.

Experts point out that the KRS Dam depends largely on rainfall in Kodagu, while inflows into Kabini are determined by precipitation in the Wayanad region of Kerala. However, both catchment areas have recorded below-normal rainfall so far this season.

With reservoir levels continuing to decline and monsoon activity remaining weak, concerns are mounting over water availability for both agriculture and drinking purposes in the months ahead.

No citizen should pay even Rs. 10 as bribe: CM DKS

Government Offices to prominently display contact numbers for reporting corruption

Bengaluru, June 15 (KMS& BCT)- Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) has directed senior Government officials to work towards building a corruption-free Karnataka, stressing accountability and transparency at all levels of administration.

Shivakumar

Shivakumar was speaking to reporters on Saturday after a marathon seven-hour meeting at Vidhana Soudha with Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, Chief Executive Officers, District Forest Officers and other senior officials.

"No one should have to pay even Rs. 10 as a bribe in the Taluk or District Offices. Telephone numbers will be displayed in Government Offices to enable citizens to lodge complaints against such practices. At the same time, we are aware that some people file false complaints to extort money and such cases will also be investigated," he said.

"I have instructed officials that if anyone, including me, Ministers or Legislators, asks them to do something illegal, they should not comply. If anyone pressures them to act against the law, they should inform me immediately. I am not claiming that everything will change overnight, but I have sought your co-operation in this effort," DKS said. "Do not allow any action that could tarnish the Government's reputation. We are committed to upholding social justice within the bureaucracy," the CM added.

Urging officials to function as a united team, he said, "Let us work together as Team Karnataka. People approach us only when they face problems. If there were no problems, no one would visit the DC or Taluk Offices. When citizens come with grievances, we must respond positively and resolve them."

The CM instructed all officials to report to their offices by 10 am and said that after they arrive at the Office, their biometric attendance should be automatically transmitted to the Chief Secretary. He further directed that all officials, from Village Accountants, Revenue Officers and PDOs to DCs, must remain at their headquarters. Their addresses and contact numbers should also be made available on official websites, he added.

Mistaken for thieves

Cops chase and ram bike riders with Police vehicle

Mysuru, June 15 (BLU&KS)- Police personnel attached to 112 Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) Police vehicle, mistaking bike riders for thieves, chased the riders and rammed their vehicle into the bike resulting in the bike riders (students) sustaining minor injuries. Incident took place at Kuvempunagar in the wee hours of Saturday.

At about 2.45 am, a resident of Kuvempunagar called the Police Control Room and complained about some persons knocking on their door. The Control Room then informed 112 ERSS Police personnel of Kuvempunagar limits to reach the spot.

When the 112 Police personnel were reaching the spot in their vehicle, they saw two persons speeding on the bike and began to chase them assuming them to be the thieves during which 112 vehicle rammed into the bike resulting in the bike riders falling from the bike and sustaining injuries. The incident of the Police vehicle ramming into the bike has been captured on a CCTV camera installed at a house. Later, when the Police questioned the bike riders, they (bike riders) told the Police that they had consumed liquor and fearing action from them (Police), they tried to speed away.

The Police then advised them and sent them away.

Mettur Dam storage dips further; monsoon yet to pick up in Wayanad

Mysuru, June 15 (BLU&BCT)- The water released from the KRS and Kabini reservoirs eventually reaches Tamil Nadu's Mettur Dam. However, with both reservoirs witnessing poor inflows due to below-normal rainfall, storage at Mettur has also declined significantly.

Against its full reservoir level of 120 ft, Mettur was holding only 79.56 ft of water today. The drop has raised concerns in Tamil Nadu's Cauvery delta region, which depends heavily on Cauvery waters for irrigation across nearly 44,000 sq. km of agricultural land.

Farmers in these fertile districts are increasingly worried as inflows from Karnataka continue to weaken. While KRS depends largely on rainfall in Kodagu, the Kabini reservoir draws its strength from heavy monsoon showers in Kerala's Wayanad district. Deficient rainfall in both catchments has affected storage levels in the two reservoirs, with a cascading impact downstream.

Traditionally, among Kerala's wettest regions, Wayanad receives an annual rainfall of about 2,300 mm to 2,500 mm, with some years recording over 4,000 mm. However, this year's monsoon has been markedly weak. According to data from the Kerala Meteorological Department, Wayanad district has received only 66.8 mm of rainfall since the onset of the monsoon, resulting in poor inflows into Kabini and a steady decline in its water level.

Indira Lankesh passes away

Bengaluru, June 15- Indira Lankesh (82), wife of late Journalist and writer P. Lankesh, passed away in Bengaluru this morning due to age-related illness.

Indira Lankesh

She was a writer and entrepreneur in her own right, authoring the autobiographical book *'Hulimavu Mattu Naanu.'*

She is survived by daughter film Director Kavitha Lankesh and son Actor-Director Indrajit Lankesh.

Her husband P. Lankesh, the Founder-Editor of Kannada political weekly *'Lankesh Patrike'* and elder daughter Journalist Gauri Lankesh had predeceased her.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
Know your Health, Wealth, Education, Job, Marriage, Love, Children, Business, Loss & Gain etc.,
Contact:
N. VENKATESH MURTHY
ASTRO PALMIST
1972-2016 Hotel Dasaprakash - Now below address
13, 2nd Floor, Udayaravi Main Road, near Shanthi Sagar, next to Hotel Mysuru Mylari, NIKE Showroom building, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru-23
Mob : 98440 32957

Vintage Vignettes

... from a Princely State

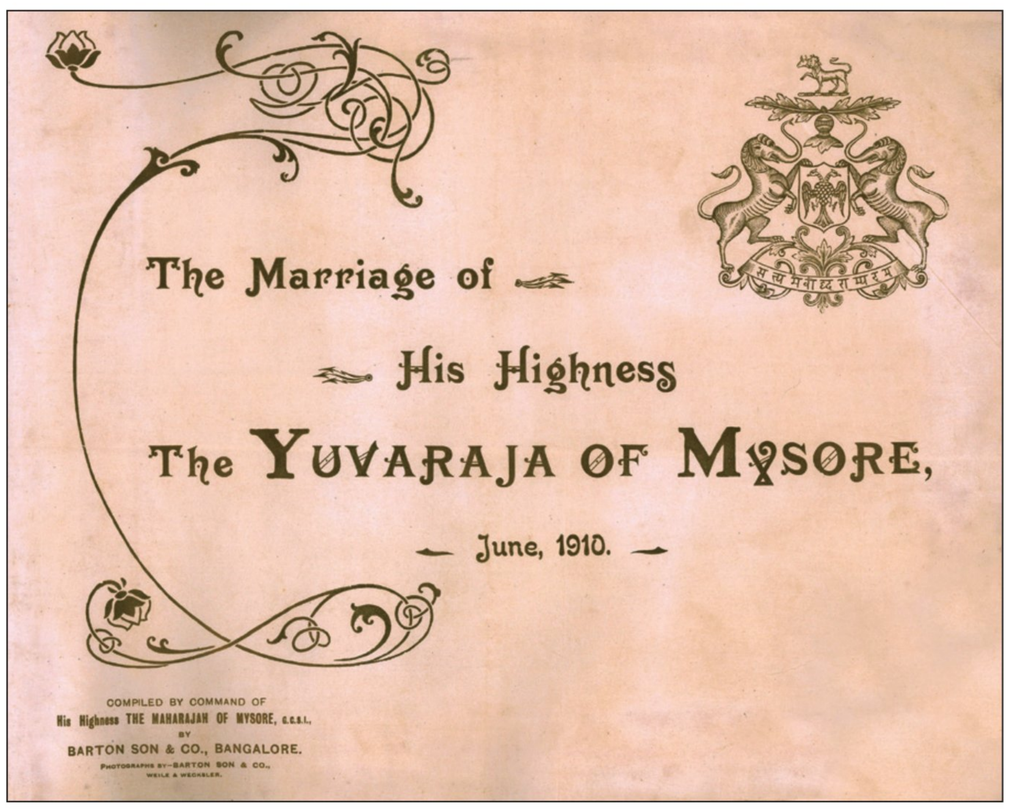
By R.G. Singh

Secretary, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana

The marriage of H.H. Yuvaraja Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wadiyar to Yuvarani Kempu Cheluvajammanni avaru was celebrated on 17 June 1910. The photograph shows the event of 'Kasi Yatra' in the foreground of the Palace (still under construction). H.H. Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV is seen on the left of the groom in between the two white parasols. A troupe of Mysore Lancers are seen in the background exiting temporary five arched porch.

The actual marriage ceremony, until the Nagavali ritual (to invoke blessings for fertility and to formally introduce the bride into the groom's family), was held at the grand hall at Jaganmohan Palace (which was constructed for the wedding of H.H. Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV Bahadur in 1900.)

The legend in the album describes, "The 'Kasi Yatra' or Pilgrimage to Benares. This portion of the ceremony concerns the bridegroom alone and is purely symbolical. It depicts His Highness Yuvaraja as a 'Brahmachari,' who having completed a course of religious studies, sets out on a pilgrimage to the sacred city of Benares and to bathe in its holy waters before settling down as a householder. On his way thither he is met by a 'Grahasta' or *pater familias,* ***who is supposed to be seeking a suitable partner for his daughter. The young pilgrim has been induced to favourably consider the arguments put forward by the 'Grahasta' and decides on abandoning his journey to return and enter the married state.***



The photograph shows His Highness clothed as a 'Brahmachari' on his speculative journey to Benares."

This is a part of 46 photographs from a lavishly produced leather-bound album whose title page is given above.

[Image size: 28.5x21 cms; Album Collection: Ramsons Kala Pratishtana]

Visitor shelter dedicated to public

at Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital

Rtn. P.K. Ramakrishna, District Governor, Rotary International District 3181, inaugurating the PKSS visitor shelter (pictures 2 & 3) as MLA K. Harishgowda, Kaynes Technology Managing Director Ramesh Kannan, MMC&RI Dean & Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani and others look on.

Mysuru, June 15- A significant community infrastructure project aimed at enhancing the comfort and convenience of patients' attendants and visitors was dedicated to the public at Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality (PKSS) Hospital, KRS Road, Mysuru, recently.

The PKSS visitor shelter, constructed by Rotary Mysore Midtown in association with Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI) with CSR support from Kaynes Technology India Limited and contributions from philanthropists, was inaugurated by MLA K. Harishgowda, who was the chief guest, along with Rtn. P.K. Ramakrishna, District Governor, Rotary International District 3181 and Ramesh Kannan, Founder & Managing Director, Kaynes Technology, who were the guests of honour.

The event was attended by Dilip Nambiar, President - Operations, Kaynes Technology India Limited, Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean & Director, MMC&RI, Dr. T.K. Mohan, Nodal Officer, PKSS Hospital, Rtn. Naveen Chandra, Assistant Governor, Zone 7, Rtn. K.L. Rakesh Babu, President, Rotary Mysore Midtown, Rtn. Bhaskar Sainik, Hon. Secretary, Rtn. Dr. Kumar, Community Service Director, along with Rotarians of Rotary Mysore Midtown and Rotary District 3181, members of Team Kaynes, students of MMC&RI and well-wishers.

Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries appreciated the collaborative efforts of Rotary, Kaynes Technology, MMC&RI and the philanthropic community in creating a meaningful facility that directly benefits the public.

They highlighted the importance of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and community partnerships in improving public healthcare infrastructure.

The visitor shelter, constructed by Sri Mruthyunjaya Constructions, has been designed to provide a safe, comfortable and weather-protected waiting space for thousands of attendants and visitors who visit the Super Speciality Hospital and the Trauma Care Centre every day.

The facility is expected to benefit lakhs of patients' family members and visitors in the years ahead, significantly enhancing their experience while accessing critical healthcare services.

Representatives of Rotary Mysore Midtown expressed gratitude to Kaynes Technology, philanthropists and all stakeholders whose support made the shelter project possible.

Live Operative Workshop on Urinary Incontinence held

Mysuru, June 15- The Mysore Organisation of Genitourinary Surgeons (MYSOGUS), under the aegis of the Karnataka Urology Association (KUA), successfully conducted its 7th Annual Live Operative Workshop recently under the theme 'Urinary Incontinence.'

The event was hosted by the Department of Urology, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru.

Live surgeries on complex cases were performed by eminent Urologists from across the country at Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, with live transmission to Sri Rajendra Centenary Auditorium, JSS Hospital, for over 100 attending delegates.

Dr. Prakash K. Prabhu, Organising Chairman, delivered the welcome address.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. G.K. Venkatesh, Founder-Director, Institute of Nephro Urology, Bengaluru and Dr. H.N. Naveen, President, Karnataka Urology Association, in the presence of Dr. Upendra Shenoy, Head of Medical Services, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, Dr. M.N. Sumana, Deputy Director, JSS Hospital, Dr. J.B. Narendra, President, MYSOGUS, Dr. H.L. Prasad, Hon. Secretary, MYSOGUS and Dr. Sachin Dharwadkar, Hon. Secretary, KUA.

Prof. G.K. Venkatesh appreciated the academic initiatives of MYSOGUS.

He announced that the Institute of Nephro Urology has been allotted 5 acres of land at Gunjur in a recent Governing Council meeting headed by the Chief Minister of Karnataka, to build a state-of-the-art, 500-bedded super-speciality urology hospital.

Dr. Upendra Shenoy, Chief of Medical Services, Manipal Hospital, highlighted that Manipal Foundation supports BPL category patients for advanced Urological care.

Dr. R. Keshav Murthy, President, Urological Society of India, noted that 631 Urologists are added to the national pool every year. With the shift of specialists from Tier-A to Tier-B cities, he stressed that academic exposures like this workshop will help young Urologists in regular practice.

Dr. K. Umesh, Treasurer, MYSOGUS, conducted a quiz on Urology. Around 120 delegates participated in the event.

Dr. T.P. Dinesh Kumar, Organising Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

Advanced Hyalofast procedure offers new hope for patients

Narayana Hospital first in Mysuru region to introduce advanced regenerative treatment for knee joint damage

Mysuru, June 15- Narayana Hospital has introduced Arthroscopic Hyalofast scaffold implantation with BMAC augmentation for cartilage injury, making it the sole facility in all of Mysuru and the first in the region to provide this state-of-the-art treatment for people experiencing chronic cartilage damage and injury & early joint degeneration in sports enthusiast.

Hyalofast procedures will be performed under the expertise of Dr. Umesh Chowdaiah, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Narayana Hospital, Mysuru.

With the availability of the advanced Hyalofast treatment, patients in and around Mysuru now have access to higher quality of orthopaedic care closer home than having to travel to other urban centres for specialised joint preservation therapies.

Hyalofast is an innovative orthopaedic regenerative treatment which promotes natural healing within the body to repair the cartilage injury in the knee joints. Cartilage damage is usually caused by accidents and injury during sports activities.

Addressing media, Dr. Umesh Chowdaiah said, "A large number of people suffer from chronic knee pain believing it is a normal part of growing old or when they are recovering from an injury. The truth is that if the damage to the cartilage is left without treatment, over time it will begin to hamper their ability to move freely. Hyalofast gives us the opportunity to intervene in early stages, allowing our patients to experience normal movement without compromising their knee joints."

Dr. Umesh Chowdaiah, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Narayana Hospital and Dr. A. Ashok, Medical Superintendent, seen during the press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan recently.

He added, "Early diagnosis and treatment of prolonged knee pain is important to avoid further joint injury and enhance mobility and we are pleased to announce the availability of this safe and advanced procedure to Mysuru."

Dr. A. Ashok, Medical Superintendent, Narayana Hospital, said, "Healthcare today is no longer just about treating disease, it's about helping people maintain their quality of life and independence. The launch of Hyalofast is a testament to our dedication towards offering cutting-edge, patient-centric care to Mysuru and making sure that people don't have to travel out of their area to get specialised treatment. With innovative regenerative therapies we want to help patients recover faster, stay active and preserve their natural joint function for as long as possible."

Hospital Facility Director Pavan Kumar also spoke.

WORD OF THE DAY

Emblazon

Pronunciation: im-BLAY-zun (Verb)
Meaning: To emblazon something is to decorate its surface, usually with a name, slogan or picture.
Origin: Blazon is a less commonly used synonym of the more familiar coat of arms. Both centuries-old terms refer to heraldic designs, symbols and other imagery (think crosses, lions, stripes, etc.) that typically appear on banners, shields, armor and elsewhere. The verb form of blazon meaning "to depict heraldic figures or designs in drawing or engraving" and emblazon, "to inscribe or adorn with or as if with heraldic figures or designs," came into use around the same time in the late 1500s, from the French spoken in medieval England. (The word heraldry, also ultimately from Anglo-French, came into use then too.) Emblazon still refers to marking something with an emblem of heraldry, but it is now more often used for adorning or publicizing something in any conspicuous way, whether with eye-catching decoration or colorful words of praise.
Example: "Later that week we were boarding our flight with the painting secured in an enormous case with a toothy, bespectacled cartoon squirrel emblazoned on the back and a speech bubble that read 'I'M JUST NUTS ABOUT PUZZLES!'" —Orlando Whitfield, All That Glitters: A Story of Friendship, Fraud and Fine Art, 2025.

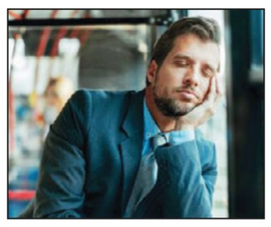
THE ODD WORD

Edapha

Organisms living in soil

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Run out of steam



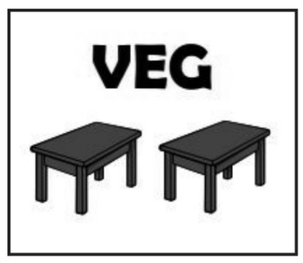
Meaning: The phrase 'run out of steam' means that one has lost the energy or enthusiasm to keep doing what they were doing.
Origin: This phrase originated from the idea of an old-fashioned steam engine that steadily slows and then halts when the fire that controls the boiler is too low to produce steam.
Example: "The student campaign ran out of steam when it became clear there was no way they would win a seat in the council."

QUOTE BOX

Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going. **—Sam Levenson**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Vegetables.

SUDOKU

3		7		4				9
			6		7	8		
	1				9			3
	9	2					5	
6								2
	3					6	4	
5			8				9	
		1	9		5			
4				6		7		5

Answer to previous puzzle

6	3	1	9	7	8	5	2	4
2	9	7	3	5	4	8	1	6
4	5	8	1	2	6	7	3	9
7	1	3	8	6	5	9	4	2
8	2	6	7	4	9	1	5	3
9	4	5	2	3	1	6	7	8
5	7	2	6	9	3	4	8	1
3	8	9	4	1	7	2	6	5
1	6	4	5	8	2	3	9	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

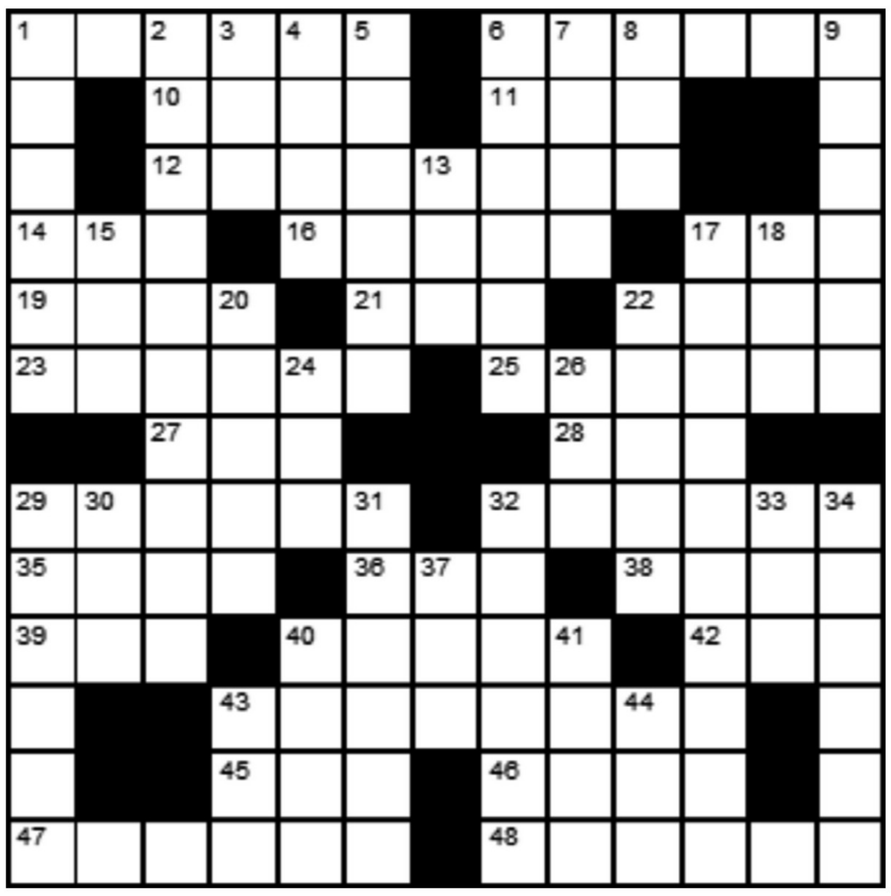
1 Second capital of Maharashtra
6 Can "Rand be" changed into a girl?
10 Opera part
11 Dubai locale
12 Roman coin worth a quarter of a denarius
14 Esthetic pursuit
16 Slightly drunk
17 Cockpit Resource Mgmnt.
19 Indian wrestling great ___ Singh
21 Capable
22 Advance
23 Of inferior quality
25 Large prawns
27 Actress ___ Peeples
28 One as a prefix
29 One of the Friends on TV
32 A light for warning or guiding
35 Ex-India skipper Adhikari
36 Actor Kilmer
38 One of the United States
39 Land temporarily under grass
40 R2D2 for one
42 American word for 'vigour' or 'energy'
43 It can be used to cook or heat food - "O, it's love" anagram? (3,5)
45 Late Mr. Anand of Bollywood
46 Ivan or Peter
47 Interfere
48 Hollywood Academy Awards

DOWN

1 Wanderers
2 The art of good eating
3 Before as a prefix
4 Hebridean isle - "suit" anagram ?
5 Confirm or accept by formal consent
6 Explodes or ruptures
7 Suggestive
8 Shoe box letters
9 Past pupils
13 "Cycle" or "centre" prefix
15 Cheer
17 Light, dramatic musical composition with a happy ending (5,5)
18 Knock vigorously
20 Goodbye
22 Hawaiian verandah
24 A small blob or smear on a surface
26 A stage hint
29 Sputum
30 Haw's partner?
31 Develop, come into being
32 Intoxicated (slang)
33 Be obliged to pay or repay
34 Italian city
37 Stomach muscles
40 Cambodian monetary unit
41 Lob
43 Strange
44 Vacation, abbr.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	U	B	A	■	S	S	E	■	M	B	A	S
O	R	A	N	■	I	L	L	■	A	I	N	T
P	E	C	S	■	S	U	B	P	O	E	N	A
Y	A	K	■	J	A	M	O	N	■	R	O	Y
■	■	E	T	A	L	■	W	I	N	■	■	■
H	A	D	I	T	■	D	E	N	Y	I	N	G
A	T	U	L	■	A	I	D	■	L	R	O	N
I	M	P	A	S	S	E	■	G	O	A	T	S
■	■	■	K	I	T	■	F	I	N	N	■	■
N	O	C	■	G	R	I	E	G	■	I	E	R
A	L	L	I	N	A	L	L	■	R	A	T	I
A	D	O	S	■	E	L	L	■	S	N	A	P
N	E	T	T	■	A	S	S	■	A	S	H	E



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HQT SRJSXSJYMK FYLH REH FTCTKO UMSH MRJ NCSHSNSIT,

QT FYLH JTGTRJ HQT NMYLT HQT PTLH QT NMR. HQT GMHT

EG HQT UECKJ USKK PT LYNQ ML HQT UECKJ JTLTCXTL.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Adversity has ever been considered the state in which a man most easily becomes acquainted with himself.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

Sangam Theatre **Ph: 2520494**
Police Complaint (K) - 2 Shows; *Mango Pachcha (K)* - 2 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 99008-20093**
Peddi (K) - 4 Shows

Gayathri Theatre **Ph: 2443568**
Peddi (K) - 4 Shows

Woodlands Theatre **Ph: 2422871**
Peddi (K) - 3 Shows; *Peddi (Te)* - 1 Show

Lido Theatre **Ph: 2420885**
KD (K) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Blast (Ta) - 4 Shows

Prabha Theatre **Mob: 98454-14691**
Lo Naveena (K) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre **Ph: 2423554**
Parimala and Co (Ta) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre **Mob: 98863-25207**
Haunted Echoes of the Past (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Uttara (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am
Haunted Echoes of the Past (H-3D)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Double Occupancy (Ta)	(S-1)	4.05 pm
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	(S-1)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Backrooms (E)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 10 pm
Peddi (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Peddi (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	(S-2)	4.40 pm; (S-3) 1.20 pm
Police Complaint (Te)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Mruthyudevate (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am
Disclosure Day (E)	(S-3)	7 pm, 10.05 pm; (S-4) 3.40 pm
Obsession (E)	(S-4)	10.50 am, 1.15 pm, 10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Abhyanjana (K)	:	1 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.15 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	1.15 pm, 5.45 pm
Peddi (K)	:	4.10 pm, 7.45 pm
Haunted Echoes of the Past (H-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 9 pm
Uttara (K)	:	3.55 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	6.15 pm
Double Occupancy (Ta)	:	9.05 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	9.50 am, 3.35 pm, 10.25 pm
Backrooms (E)	:	10 am, 3.15 pm, 7.55 pm
Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata (H)	:	10 am, 12.30 pm
Obsession (E)	:	10 am, 12.20 pm, 2.45 pm
		5.10 pm, 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Peddi (H)	:	10.45 am, 5.55 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Disclosure Day (E)	:	12.45 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Double Occupancy (Ta)	:	12.45 pm
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	2.30 pm, 9.40 pm
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Busan (Korean)	:	3.15 pm, 7 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	:	5.45 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	6.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Obsession (E)	:	10.25 am, 12.50 pm, 3.15 pm
		5.40 pm, 8.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata (H)	:	10.30 am, 7.15 pm
Haunted Echoes of the Past (H)	:	11 am
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	11.30 am, 10.10 pm
Disclosure Day (E)	:	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
Governor (H)	:	1.55 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	2.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Peddi (K)	:	6.35 pm
Kshameyirali Thande (K)	:	4.35 pm
Police Complaint (Te)	:	7 pm

Pt. K.S. Hadapada Award conferred on Pandit Rajendra Nakod

Tabla artiste Pandit Rajendra Nakod of Bengaluru being conferred with 'Pandit K.S. Hadapada Award' at a programme organised by Sri Guru Puttaraja Sangeetha Sabha at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar recently.

Mysuru, June 15 (SPN&DM)- Senior tabla artiste of Bengaluru Pandit Rajendra Nakod was conferred with the prestigious 'Pandit K.S. Hadapada Award' at the 20th commemoration programme of Pandit K.S. Hadapada, organised by Sri Guru Puttaraja (SGP) Sangeetha Sabha, at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar here recently.

Speaking on the occasion, SGP Sangeetha Sabha Hon. President M.V. Ramprasad said that Mysuru is a city which patronises all forms of art. It is the responsibility of the youths to maintain and carry forward this legacy of the city, he noted.

Stating that Mysuru has a good number of art patrons, Ramprasad said that students, who engage in arts, literature and sports, have good concentration and memory power.

Later, Bengaluru's Vidu. Antara Bhat (bansuri) and Vidwan Arun Bhat (tabla) presented a music concert.

Rohini S. Omkar compered the programme.

Sri Paramahamsa Vidyaniketana Trust Advisor K.N. Naveen Kumar, SGP Sangeetha Sabha President Pandit Bhimashankar Bidanur, Vice-President Mrutyunjaya Hiremath and others were present on the occasion.

Veerashaiva students hostel facility

Mysuru, June 15- Sri Maddaneshwara Students Hostel on JLB Road has invited applications from Veerashaiva students, who are studying PUC, Diploma, TCH, B.Ed, Degree, PG, Para-Medical, BE, MCA and Nursing courses, to avail hostel facility including food. Interested students may contact the Hostel Warden.

For more details, contact Ph: 0821-2442012 or Mob: 97396-30714 or 94807-34131.

Free eye surgery camp on June 21

Mysuru, June 15- NJS Charitable Trust, Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha and Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore, have organised a free eye surgery camp at Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira in Mandi Mohalla on June 21 from 7.30 am to 12.30 pm.

For registration and details, contact Mob: 94487-53597, 99161-55453 or 94487-38657.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 15)

Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam: Adhika Masa, Vishnu Sahasranama Patana, Discourse on 'Sri Krishna' by G.C. Puttaswamy, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Peddi (Te)	:	9.45 am, 10.20 pm,
Peddi (K)	:	10.35 am, 2.20 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Obsession (E)	:	10 am, 12.20 pm, 2.45 pm
		5.10 pm, 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Disclosure Day (E)	:	10.20 am, 1.25 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata (H)	:	1.20 pm, 7.35 pm
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	4.05 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Disclosure Day (E)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Double Occupancy (Ta)	:	11 am
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	11.15 am, 10.10 pm
Maddane (K)	:	11.45 am
Mruthyudevate (K)	:	1.45 pm
Peddi (K)	:	2.40 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	6.25 pm
Obsession (E)	:	2.45 pm, 4.15 pm, 8.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Uttara (K)	:	4.50 pm
Parimala and Co (Ta)	:	5.10 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	7.20 pm
Mollywood Times (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

22 CT GOLD RATE @ Tholasi
THOLASI JEWELS Fine Jewellers Since Generations
₹ 13,890/-
Ashoka Road, Mysuru. Ph: 0821-2521926
Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru. Ph: 0821-2411926
MGS Road, Opp. Bus Stand, Nanjangud Ph: 08221-200926

LALITHA JEWELLERY MART
The Original
Mysuru's Trusted Jeweller
SILVER RATE
SINCE 1956
Rs. 2,58,600/-
Ashoka Road, Mysore
0821-2442797 / 2525891

STAR OF MYSORE
FOR ADVERTISEMENT
Please Call: 0821-2496522 / 23
Email: ad@starofmysore.com
ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಿತ್ರ
Please Call: 0821-2496522 / 23
Email: ad@mysurumithra.com

CONSTRUCTION WORK

We undertake all types of Civil works, Residential, Commercial & Industrial Constructions, Repair and Renovation work.

Call : 82966 98852

AVAILABLE FOR RENT

2 BR Flat Near Lakshmipuram Police Station, Lakshmipuram Mysore

Please Contact:

0821- 2977456

Between 10 AM to 6 PM (Monday to Saturday)

RESIDENTIAL SITE FOR SALE

40'x60'

80 Feet Road, Dattagalli 3rd Stage MUDA Approved. *Contact:*

Mob: 98450-05718

SITE FOR SALE

40'x60' - N/F

Vijayanagar 4th Stage 2nd Phase, good location.

Genuine Buyers only Contact:

Mob: 89048-12796

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

1st floor 5800 sq.ft., 2nd floor 5800 sq.ft., at Bannimantap 'A' Layout, Mysore.

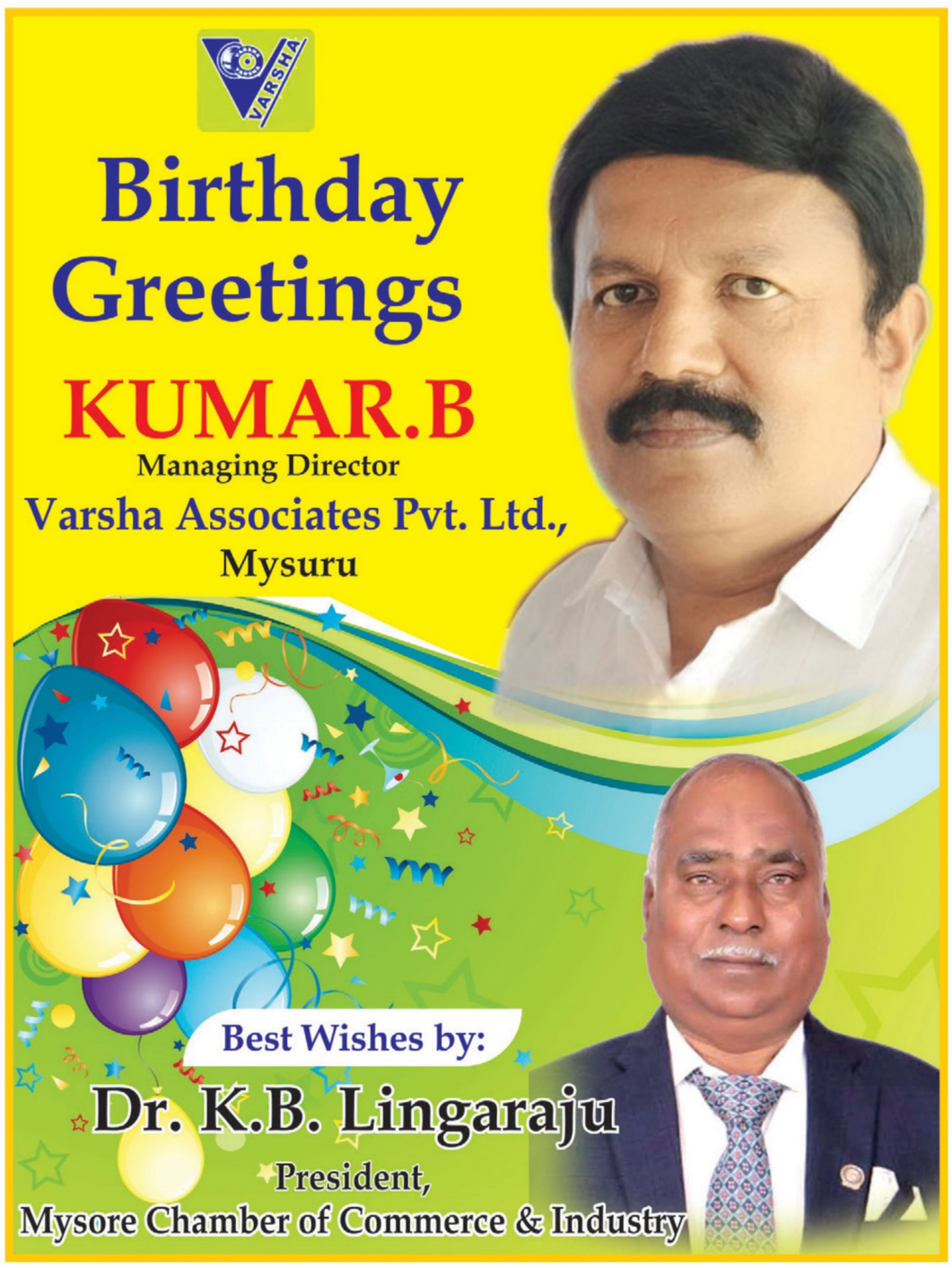
Call : 80509 02690

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT

Ground Floor & 1st Floor Opp. JSS Medical College, Ramanuja Road, Mysore

Contact : 98868 53437 / 94803 80429

INTRODUCING HOTEL AND HOSPITAL BED AND BATH LINEN COLLECTION
SOFT & HIGH QUALITY BEDSHEETS, BATH TOWELS, HAND TOWELS, DUVET COVERS, PILLOWS, PILLOWS COVERS, AND BATH MATS.
Please Visit :
SHIROMANI BOMBAY DYEING
27, D D Urs Road, Mysuru. Call : 0821-2425578



CA-FOUNDATION
For January 2027 Exam
RESULT ORIENTED CLASSES
BY PROFESSIONALS,
CA Mahesh B.V. M.Com., FCA.,
CA Tharun Kothari, B.Com., FCA.,
CA Vishu Skanda O.N. B.Com., ACA.,
CLASSES STARTS FROM JULY 2026
Daily : 4.30pm to 8.30pm
Classes at Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru.
Admission started few seats available
VIDVATH ACADEMY, Mysore
Call :Thukarama Rai 94484 90720

STAR OF MYSORE DISCLAIMER

Readers may make appropriate enquiries regarding the Advertised product with the Advertisers concerned. Star of Mysore shall not be held liable for any consequences or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this Newspaper. — Management

THE BEST QUALITY WATER PROOF Plywood

9148991267 | 9901291267

WANTED
Experienced
COMPUTER OPERATOR
Knowing Kannada Nudi & English Typing
Timings : 10.30 A.M to 4-00 P.M
Interview on 21-06-2026 at 12 Noon
Salary Rs. 16000/- Per Month
N.A.K ASSOCIATES
Wesley Road, Tilak Nagar, Mysore.
Cell : 93421-88034
Nisar Ahmed Khan,
President
Mysore District Patrabarahagarara Sangha (Regd.,)

OBITUARY

G. G. NANJAMMA

W/o Late G.B. Govindaraja Setty,
RAMYA DRIVE IN RESTAURANT

Reached heavenly abode today morning 15-6-2026 at 8.30 am

Deeply Mourned by :
Mahendra.G.G, Suresh.G.G, Usha.H.V, Leela Mahesh, Asha.G.G.

Acknowledgement & Maada Ceremony

Poyyetira Nishant Chengappa

DOB : 02.06.1989 - DOD : 08.06.2026

Our grateful thanks to all our relatives, family members, friends, neighbours and well-wishers, who attended the funeral and expressed condolences following the demise of **POYYETIRA NISHANT CHENGAPPA on June 8 (Monday), 2026.**

Our special thanks to the members of Kodava Samaja, Mysuru; Kodagu Sahakara Sangha, Jayalakshmipuram; Sri Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, Mysuru, Lopamudra Kodava Association, Vijayanagar 1st Stage and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, for all the help rendered and also for sharing our grief during this difficult time.

The Maada Ceremony has been arranged at Kodava Samaja, Vijayanagar, Mysuru on **June 18 (Thursday) at 11.30 am.**

Those who have not received the invitation may please treat this as a personal invite, attend the ceremony and pray for the departed soul.

— Wife : Poyyetira Malavi Chengappa, Son : Vedh,
Parents : P.S. Ganapathy & Pushpa Ganapathy
[Mob: 94480-57919 / 96864-75457]

Printed by T.S. Gopinath and published by M. Govinde Gowda on behalf of Academy Newspapers Private Limited at Academy Newspapers Private Limited, 15-C, Industrial 'A' Layout, Bannimantap, Mysuru-570 015. Editor: M. Govinde Gowda. Phone: 2496520 / 2496521 / 2496522 / 2496523 / 2496526 / 2496527 / 2496528. City offices: Visveshwaraya Building, III Floor, K.R. CIRCLE, Mysuru-570 001, Phone : 2431774 and No. 114, D.Devaraj Urs Road, Mysuru-570 001, Phone : 2428695, E-mail address: voice@starofmysore.com, For Advertisements: ad@starofmysore.com, RNI Reg. No. 29894/78.